

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2702  
INFO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

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DEPT PASS CINCPAC FOR POLAD AND CINCPACFLT

E.O. 11652: XGDS (1)  
TAGS: FPOR, MARR, AS, U  
SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN REQUEST FOR NO U.S. FLIGHTS  
TO COCOS DURING VISIT OF UN COMMITTEE  
OF 24

REF: CANBERRA 983 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL NOTES THAT UN COMMITTEE OF 24 WILL BE VISITING  
COCOS ISLANDS, AUSTRALIAN DEPENDENCY IN INDIAN OCEAN, BUT  
DATES NOT PRESENTLY KNOWN. AUSTRALIANS HAVE ASKED US TO  
MAKE SURE THAT NO RPT NO U.S. AIRCRAFT STAGE THROUGH  
COCOS DURING PERIOD OF COMMITTEE VISIT.

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER WITH DFA AND SUGGESTED THAT  
DFA INSTRUCT DUNCAN CAMPBELL, COUNSELOR OF AUSTRALAIN UN  
MISSION AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF 24 (WHO PRESUMABLY  
WILL TRAVEL WITH GROUP AND THEREFORE WILL KNOW PRECISE  
DATES OF VISIT). TO PASS ANTICIPATED INTINERARY TO DEPT  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS) IN CONVERSATION WITH DCM MARCH 1  
BLAKENEY (FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY , DFA ) SAID THAT  
ANY U.S. MILITARY PLANE VISITNG COCOS WOULD NEED  
DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE, WHICH WOULD GIVE AUSTRALIA  
OPPORTUNITY TO ASK FOR POSTPONEMENT. BLAKENEY IS  
STILL OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT THINGS WILL  
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SLIP THROUGH THE CRACKS SOMEHOW AND EMBARRASS GOA.  
ALUSNA HAS INFORMED CINCPACFLT OF PROBLEM , AND ALL  
WE NEED AT PRESENT IT TO BE ABSOLUTELY SURE OF DATE  
OF VISIT OF COMMITTEE OF 24.

3. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF USUN WOULD KEEP IN  
CLOSE TOUCH WITH CAMPBELL , FIND OUT DATE OF COMMITTEE  
VISIT, AND INFORM THIS EMBASSY. IT IS CERTAINLY NOT  
IN U.S. INTEREST TO HAVE ANY SLIPUP ON THIS MATTER.  
GREEN

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEES.

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